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Filed: January 18, 2002  
For: **Apparatus And Methods For Separating Liquids From Solids**  
Inventors: Willie STROUP  
Our Ref: 02514.0007.NPUS01

Sir:

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